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1 4. (currently amended) ~~The switch as defined in claim 3,~~  
2 A fusible electric slide switch, comprising:  
3 a) a base;  
4 b) a fuse carrier; and  
5 c) a cover;  
6 wherein said fuse carrier is slidably mounted to said  
7 base;  
8 wherein said cover maintains said fuse carrier slidably  
9 mounted to said base;  
10 wherein said base has a back portion;  
11 wherein said base has a top portion;  
12 wherein said back portion of said base has an uppermost  
13 edge;  
14 wherein said back portion of said base has a forwardmost  
15 surface;  
16 wherein said back portion of said base has a lowermost  
17 edge; wherein said top portion of said base has a  
18 lowermost surface; and  
19 wherein said top portion of said base extends forwardly  
20 from said uppermost edge of said back portion of said  
21 base so as to be generally inverted L-shaped in lateral  
22 cross section.

1 5. (original) The switch as defined in claim 4, wherein  
2 said base has a plurality of electrical terminals;

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3       wherein said plurality of electrical terminals of said  
4       base are disposed on said forwardmost surface of said  
5       back portion of said base; and  
6       wherein said plurality of electrical terminals of said  
7       base are disposed adjacent said lowermost edge of said  
8       back portion of said base.

1       6. (original) The switch as defined in claim 5, wherein  
2       said base has a plurality of electrical lands;  
3       wherein said plurality of electrical lands of said base  
4       have a plurality of electrodes, respectively;  
5       wherein said plurality of electrical lands of said base  
6       are disposed on said forwardmost surface of said back  
7       portion of said base; and  
8       wherein said plurality of electrical lands of said base  
9       electrically communicate with said plurality of  
10      electrical terminals of said base, respectively.

1       7. (original) The switch as defined in claim 6, wherein  
2       said base has a pair of plates;  
3       wherein said pair of plates of said base are disposed on  
4       said forwardmost surface of said back portion of said  
5       base;  
6       wherein said pair of plates of said base cover said  
7       plurality of electrical lands of said base, except for  
8       said plurality of electrodes of said plurality of  
9       electrical lands of said base; and  
10      wherein one plate of said base has a blind bore.

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1 8. (original) The switch as defined in claim 7, wherein  
2 said base has a plunger assembly;  
3 wherein said plunger assembly of said base comprises said  
4 lowermost surface of said top portion of said base having  
5 a blind bore;  
6 wherein said plunger assembly of said base comprises a  
7 plunger;  
8 wherein said plunger of said plunger assembly of said  
9 fuse carrier is disposed in said blind bore in said  
10 lowermost surface of said top portion of said base; and  
11 wherein said plunger of said plunger assembly of said  
12 fuse carrier is biased outwardly from said blind bore in  
13 said lowermost surface of said top portion of said base  
14 by a spring.

1 9. (original) The switch as defined in claim 8, wherein  
2 said fuse carrier has a forwardmost surface;  
3 wherein said fuse carrier has a rearwardmost surface;  
4 wherein said fuse carrier has a pair of sidewardmost  
5 surfaces; and  
6 wherein said fuse carrier has an uppermost surface.

1 10. (original) The switch as defined in claim 9, wherein  
2 said rearwardmost surface of said fuse carrier abuts  
3 against said pair of plates of said base and said  
4 uppermost surface of said fuse holder abuts against said  
5 lowermost surface of said top portion of said base as  
6 said fuse carrier selectively slides sidewardly relative  
7 to said base.

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1 11. (original) The switch as defined in claim 9, wherein  
2 said forwardmost surface of said fuse carrier has a pair  
3 of recesses; and  
4 wherein said pair of recesses in said forwardmost surface  
5 of said fuse carrier are for holding a pair of fuses,  
6 respectively.

1 12. (original) The switch as defined in claim 11, wherein  
2 said pair of recesses in said forwardmost surface of said  
3 fuse carrier are disposed adjacent said pair of  
4 sidewardmost surfaces of said fuse carrier, respectively.

1 13. (original) The switch as defined in claim 11, wherein  
2 said fuse carrier has two pair of electrodes; and  
3 wherein said two pair of electrodes of said fuse carrier  
4 have tails.

1 14. (original) The switch as defined in claim 13, wherein  
2 each pair of electrodes of said fuse carrier are disposed  
3 in an associated recess in said forwardmost surface of  
4 said fuse carrier;  
5 wherein each pair of electrodes of said fuse carrier are  
6 for electrically communicating with an associated fuse;  
7 wherein said tails of said two pair of electrodes of said  
8 fuse carrier extend through said rearwardmost surface of  
9 said fuse carrier; and  
10 wherein said tails of said two pair of electrodes of said  
11 fuse carrier selectively electrically communicate with

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12           said plurality of electrodes of said base as said fuse  
13           carrier slides sidewardly relative to said base.

1       15. (original) The switch as defined in claim 11, wherein  
2           said fuse carrier has a handle;  
3           wherein said handle extends generally centrally through  
4           said fuse carrier;  
5           wherein said handle extends from said forwardmost surface  
6           of said fuse carrier to said rearwardmost surface of said  
7           fuse carrier; and  
8           wherein said handle of said fuse carrier moves with said  
9           fuse carrier.

1       16. (original) The switch as defined in claim 13, wherein  
2           said fuse carrier has a pair of jumper electrodes; and  
3           wherein said pair of jumper electrodes of said fuse  
4           carrier electrically connect associated ones of each pair  
5           of said two pair of electrodes of said fuse carrier with  
6           each other.

1       17. (original) The switch as defined in claim 9, wherein  
2           said fuse carrier has a plunger assembly;  
3           wherein said plunger assembly of said fuse carrier  
4           comprises said rearwardmost surface of said fuse carrier  
5           having a blind bore;  
6           wherein said plunger assembly of said fuse carrier  
7           comprises a plunger;

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8       wherein said plunger of said fuse carrier is disposed in  
9       said blind bore in said rearwardmost surface of said fuse  
10      carrier;

11      wherein said plunger of said fuse carrier is biased  
12      outwardly from said blind bore in said rearwardmost  
13      surface of said fuse carrier by a spring; and  
14      wherein said plunger of said plunger assembly of said  
15      fuse carrier enters said blind bore in said one plate of  
16      said base when said fuse carrier is in an on position.

1       18. (original) The switch as defined in claim 9, wherein  
2       said fuse carrier has a stop assembly;  
3       wherein said stop assembly of said fuse carrier comprises  
4       said uppermost surface of said fuse carrier having a  
5       blind slot extending therealong;  
6       wherein said stop assembly of said fuse carrier comprises  
7       a pawl;  
8       wherein said pawl of said stop assembly of said fuse  
9       carrier is slidably mounted in said blind slot in said  
10      uppermost surface of said fuse carrier; and  
11      wherein said pawl of said stop assembly of said fuse  
12      carrier selectively cooperates with said plunger assembly  
13      of said base.

1       19. (original) The switch as defined in claim 11, wherein  
2       said cover has a rearwardmost surface;  
3       wherein said cover captures said fuse carrier between  
4       itself and said base; and

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5       wherein said rearwardmost surface of said cover abuts  
6       said forwardmost surface of said fuse carrier as said  
7       fuse carrier selectively slides sidewardly relative to  
8       said base and said cover.

1       20. (original) The switch as defined in claim 15, wherein  
2       said cover has a pair of through slots;  
3       wherein said pair of through slots in said cover align  
4       with said pair of recesses in said forwardmost surface  
5       of said fuse carrier when said fuse carrier is in an off  
6       position for allowing access to the fuses; and  
7       wherein said pair of through slots in said cover do not  
8       align with, so as to allow said cover to conceal, said  
9       pair of recesses in said forwardmost surface of said fuse  
10      carrier when said fuse carrier is in an on position for  
11      preventing contact with electrical components by a user.

1       21. (original) The switch as defined in claim 20, wherein  
2       said cover has a secondary through slot;  
3       wherein said secondary through slot in said cover extends  
4       sidewardly from one of said through slots in said cover;  
5       wherein said handle of said fuse carrier extend through  
6       said secondary through slot in said cover; and  
7       wherein said handle of said fuse carrier moves along said  
8       secondary through slot in said cover as said fuse carrier  
9       traverses on and off positions thereof.

1       22. (original) The switch as defined in claim 19, wherein  
2       said cover has two pair of spring contacts; and

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3       wherein said two pair of spring contacts of said cover  
4       are disposed on said rearwardmost surface of said cover.

1       23. (original) The switch as defined in claim 22, wherein  
2       each pair of said two pair of spring contacts of said  
3       cover align with an associated one of said pair of  
4       recesses in said forwardmost surface of said fuse carrier  
5       when said fuse carrier is in on position for applying a  
6       force to and maintain fuses in said pair of recesses in  
7       said forwardmost surface of said fuse carrier.

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